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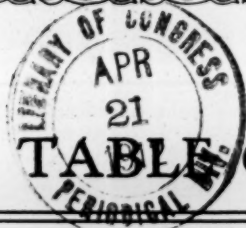


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APRIL brings in the season of hope fulfilled and joy realized; Easter, with its story of resurrection, is the realization of the hope of the world. The clouds and darkness of the Crucifixion have passed in the night of sorrow and the Sun once more shines on humanity. Each life has its bitter hours of spiritual emotional or material defeat for in some shape or other these hours most come to us all. Then in the darkness of these sad hours, take courage and listen for the message of hope fulfilled, which will surely be given in the Garden in the cool of the day.

WOMEN'S organizations are once more aroused to the activities of annual meetings. The month of May will find four Southern State Federations of Women's Clubs in annual session; the Virginia Federation meets at Staunton, Va., May 1st-4th; the North Carolina Federation meets in 10th annual convention at Winston-Salem, May 7th-10th, where it was organized ten years ago; the South Carolina Federation will hold its 14th annual convention at Abbeville, S. C., May 6th-9th; the Mississippi Federation holds its fourteenth annual convention at Holly Springs, May 1st-4th. In each case *The Keystone* has the honor of representing these able and earnest women as their official organ, and from these annual conventions will come efforts and plans which will advance many good causes for philanthropy, civics and education. *The Keystone* represents the official printed record of their work from time to time, and it endeavors to preserve in accessible form for future reference the various steps which these bodies have taken in their efforts for their community's uplift.

THE Peace Movement is one of the great vital subjects engrossing modern thought; how far one can subscribe to all the propaganda issued by its advocates will be determined in a large measure as much by the temperament as by the intellectual outlook of the individual; still in many of its forms it appeals to thinking Christian women. In a circular issued by the World Peace Foundation in December attention is called to the fact that President Taft has called upon the women of America to use their influence in favor of the ratification of the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France in behalf of International Peace. The Peace Society urges women's clubs to look into this matter, to interest groups of men in their communities in the subject and to send resolutions to their representatives in Congress expressing their own wishes in the matter. They have also prepared a suitable form for these resolutions, which have been endorsed by the president of the General Federation. Two very informing pamphlets on this subject are "The Dawn of a World Peace," by President Taft, and "The Literature of the Peace Movement," by E. D. Mead, both published by the World Peace Foundation, 29 A Beacon street, Boston; these could be used by women's clubs

as valuable reading in connection with a program on the Peace Movement.

COMMITTEE work in women's organizations today is a serious affair, the dilettante has no place in its scheme of endeavor, and is a mill-stone around the neck of the trained woman who plans work with the idea that intelligent co-operation can bring its scattered parts into a compact and perfected whole. *The Keystone* this month makes an earnest plea for greater conscientiousness among women in accepting appointments for which they have neither knowledge, aptitude or training. Popular subjects draw people to a committee's work, but just "liking it" isn't going to be of any use if one hasn't the talent or ability to promote its best interests. Capable women are being driven out of organization work by the exhaustion process of dealing with crude material which, in the spirit of the "democracy of women's organizations," is placed in positions of responsibility without due consideration of their equipment for the delicate and difficult tasks which are now falling to these bodies. The efficient woman has learned to recognize her material, mental and physical limitations, and hesitates to assume duties which, in time of extra pressure, may become burdensome; the inefficient woman sees only the public applause, does not take count of the weary work between, and in the extremity expects everybody to help her out of her self-imposed dilemma. Let women, who have the real interests of their various associations at heart, determine never to accept positions on committees or office to which they cannot bring some information, plan or needed help. One may like the subject and wish to be identified with that special line of worth, but if they are utterly ignorant of its fundamental principles and past workings they are criminally wrong to accept leadership there, for they will only add to the burden of those already in harness, and will impede rather than advance the enterprise. Let the ambitious woman seek first training in her small local committees and associations and then work out to the larger affairs. It is amazing to note with what temerity a woman will accept the responsibility of office, these twentieth century days, when she is utterly unfitted by temperament or environment for fulfilling its obligations. Public service and appreciation have a glamour which is most alluring, but the average woman should examine her equipment conscientiously and carefully before she assumes the direction of affairs and should be fully convinced that she possesses some of the requirements which lend themselves to successful and helpful leadership. There is nothing as pathetic and ridiculous in modern life today as the ineffectual woman trying to direct affairs in positions of dignity and trust and looking and acting hopelessly and helplessly unequal to the task she essays. This word is given in view of the fact that in the next few months many women's organizations will be selecting new leaders.

READERS of *The Keystone* will note with special interest the story of the gift to the U. D. C. Chapter at Weldon, N. C., in the North Carolina U. D. C. Column in this issue of *The Keystone*.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia. (This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W. C., Manager.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. Frank B. Gary, Abbeville, S. C.
(92 Clubs—5,300 Members.)

ON THE evening of May 6th, at the Abbeville Opera House, the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will convene for its 14th annual meeting. Abbeville's Clubwomen are working earnestly to provide for the comfort and pleasure of their guests. We shall welcome at our opening session as an honored guest Mrs. H. C. White, President of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, who will bring greetings from a sister Federation, and whose presence will prove a source of pleasure and inspiration. In accordance with the decision of the last convention, the duration of this year's meeting has been increased a half day, to allow more time for open discussion. All delegates are requested to make note of this, and arrange to remain in Abbeville until the afternoon of May 9th, thus gaining all possible benefit from our annual gathering.

FROM JUNE 25th to July 5th, at San Francisco, will occur the 11th Biennial of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. I would urge all Clubwomen who can to endeavor to be present at this occasion, which promises to surpass all former Biennials in interest, beauty of surrounding, and in boundless hospitality of the hostess and neighboring States. Any Clubwoman in South Carolina desiring to attend the San Francisco Biennial is requested to communicate with your President, who will gladly give information regarding railroad and hotel rates. We hope, also, to have present at our Abbeville meeting the representative of one of the great transcontinental railways, who will give further details regarding Biennial transportation. Think it over, and if, within your power, do not fail to enjoy this rare opportunity to visit the Golden West, and gain the help and inspiration from this wonderful gathering of America's greatest organized body of women!

With cordial greetings to all Clubwomen of South Carolina, and in fond anticipations of our meeting at Abbeville, May 6th-9th,

SARAH B. VISANSKA,
President S. C. F. W. C.

The following is the program:

MONDAY, MAY 6TH.

9:00 P. M.—Opening session at Opera House.
Invocation—Rev. Louis Bristow.
Welcome to Abbeville—Dr. C. C. Gambrell, mayor, and Mrs. M. T. Coleman for club women.
Response—Mrs. Alexander Long, Rock Hill.
Vocal Solo—Miss Lenore Neville Long.
Fraternal Greetings—From U. D. C., Mrs. C. E. Graham, president S. C. Division U. D. C. From Georgia Federation, Mrs. H. C. White, president Georgia Federation of Women Clubs.
President's Annual Report—Mrs. Julius M. Visanska.
Informal reception.

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH, COURT HOUSE.

9:00-10:00 A. M.—Credential Committee. Meeting of board of directors. Reports of officers.

Reports of Departments of Education, Reciprocity and Literature, Art and Handicraft and Reports of Clubs interested in these departments.

1:30 P. M.—Luncheon served by Andrew Hamilton Chapter D. A. R.
3:00 P. M.—Reports of departments of Library and Music and Clubs interested in these departments, also Legislative Committee and Committee on Industrial School and City Federations.

5:00 P. M.—Automobile drive around Abbeville.

8:30 P. M.—Fine Arts Session in Opera House, programme arranged by Miss Louisa Poppenheim, chairman of Literature, and Mrs. Cora Ligon, chairman of Music. At this session the two best papers in State literary contest will be read.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH, COURT HOUSE.

9:30 A. M.—Reports of chairmen of Forestry and Civics, Waterways, Civil Service Reform, Domestic Science and Health, and the reports of clubs working under these departments.

Reports of Committee on Endowment and President's Recommendations.

1:30 P. M.—Luncheon served by Music Club.

3:00 P. M.—Reports of Committee on Constitutional Revision and Resolutions.

The San Francisco Biennial, plans, programme and delegates. A word about transportation from railroad agent.

Conference and discussion of Federation needs and possibilities.

Election of officers.

9:30 P. M.—Reception by Civic Club and Music Club.

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, COURT HOUSE.

9:00 A. M.—Unfinished business.

Meeting of Board of Directors.

Adjournment in time for noon trains.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet Monday afternoon, May 6th, at 5:30 o'clock, in the court room of the Court-house. The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday morning, May 7th, at 10 o'clock, in office of the Superintendent of Education. The Credential Committee will be in session at the Courthouse Tuesday morning at 9-10.

MRS. W. P. GREENE, Chairman Hospitality Committee, requests that names of delegates be sent in very promptly. Since the meeting of the Executive Board, held in Greenville, the Wednesday Domestic Science Club of Chester and the New Study of Greenwood have joined the State Federation.

Alice Russell,
Greenville. Corresponding Secretary.

THE Education Department is happy to report that all girls under its care are happy and all doing good work. When we realize from their reports sent by school authorities and from letters received from the girls themselves, how wisely our money has been expended, we, as a Federation, should rejoice in the liberality which makes possible the educating of splendid young women to a higher standard of womanhood than could be obtained for them without this generous gift from clubwomen. Let us determine that our pledge to the scholarship fund shall be met, *not only* for this year, but it shall be renewed until these precious girls earn their diplomas, which means an equipment for a self-supporting and helpful life. While we, as a committee, have considered other things, our *best endeavor* has been concentrated on the scholarship work, deeming that while now in its infancy, no effort should be spared to place it among the established work of the South Carolina Federation.

Mrs. C. E. Graham,
Greenville. Chairman Education Committee.

THE reports from the Industrial School are more encouraging, and the trustees are to be congratulated upon the fine showing made with the small sum at their disposal during the past year. There are now fifty-eight boys in school, and Mr. Emmons, assisted by his wife, is doing good work in teaching and training these lads. The legislature has just passed, over the Governor's veto, the bill appropriating fifteen thousand dollars for a new and much needed building. The suggestion has been made that this new building be named for Mrs. Patterson, and that we erect our tablet to her memory upon its walls, and use our fund to equip the machine shop. This fund now amounts to \$1,197.81, but I still dream of a library.

MARGARET SMYTH MCKISSICK,
Greenwood. Chairman Industrial School Committee.

THE Art and Handicraft Committee have undertaken a work which at first glance seems stupendous, but when we remember the force we have for the work—ninety-two clubs, with a membership of 6,010—we see that the work is none too great. It is the desire of your committee to establish a rotary art exhibit to be the property of the S. C. F. W. C. The American Art Extension is willing to help us secure a collection. Their offer is this: If we sell 3,200 small prints (6x8 in.) of old masterpieces, at 10 cents each, then we receive seven painting proofs of these same prints, the exact size of the original picture, made on canvas, in approved exhibition frames, with brass descriptive tablets. Newton A. Wells, Art Department, University of Illinois, says of the "Age of Innocence:" "It was my privilege to see again the original of Reynolds' 'Age of Innocence' a few months back, and when I saw the reproduction it really seemed as if I had been transported into the presence of the original." We have ordered 1,300 prints of "Age of Innocence," "Mona Lisa" and "Erasmus." These will be distributed to the various clubs in the State by the committee. We trust they will dispose of the pictures assigned them as quickly as possible. We can then order prints of the others and distribute them among the clubs in the same way. When the 3,200 prints are sold, seven large pictures become the property of the Art Department of the S. C. F. W. Clubs, and we shall have a collection of which we shall be justly proud. We hope the clubs will make a favorable and prompt report to the member of the committee who assigns them the prints, that they may report to the chairman.

MRS. J. S. BOOTH,
Chester. Chairman Art and Handicraft.

THE CHARLESTON CITY FEDERATION has had two active committees at work, which will, in time, bring about splendid civic results. A committee appointed to investigate conditions at the City Hospital, after a visit to this institution, presented a carefully prepared memorial to City Council, asking for a thorough investigation of public wards by the City Council and for a larger appropriation to supply the needs of the city's dependent sick. This memorial caused much public discussion, and it has aroused both the Medical Society and the public generally to a keen realization of the needs of the sick who look to the city for relief. The other committee visited the police station and

jail, and finding no matron at either one of these institutions to look after the women prisoners, interviewed the chief of police, the mayor and committee on public safety in connection with the police station, and the jailer, sheriff and county supervisor in behalf of the jail, asking for their co-operation in securing a matron or woman attendant to look after these delinquent women. A petition has been sent to the sheriff and City Council appealing for the installation of a matron in each institution, and it is to be hoped that these officials will feel the need of such protection for these women.

THE CIVIC CLUB, Charleston, has been active in many ways this year. March 8th was celebrated as *Civic Day* with an open meeting in the Freundschaftsbund Hall, to which the public was invited. The programme showed the work of the club for this year in addresses from representatives from the three Home and School Associations, which the Educational Committee of the Civic Club had organized and put to work in the various school districts. A talk on Medical Inspection in the Schools by City Health Officer Green, a paper on Industrial Education, by principal of Colored Industrial School, and a paper from a Civic Club member on what Mothers Should Expect from the Schools. This was the fourth annual *Civic Day* observed by the club. The organization of these Home School Associations has meant a tremendous amount of work on the part of the Educational Committee, Miss Olney, chairman, and these organizations are all in a healthy state of earnest activity and promise splendid benefits for the schools in whose districts they have been formed. The club was most active in working with the Board of Health on the question of the *Milk Supply* for Charleston, and a committee waited on City Council to discuss this vital question. The club is now planning to co-operate with the State Board of Health in observing *April 10th* as *Clean-up* day, and committees are active in trying to reach every section of the city. The Junior Civic League is taking care of and beautifying a piece of land in front of Union Station, turned over to it by the Union Station authorities, and planting and caring for beds in the Bennett School yard, besides continually contributing to the Municipal Playground money and useful appliances. The club now numbers 200, and its able president, Mrs. J. C. Murchison, keeps a number of standing committees made up of capable, well-trained women, choosing most wisely the women best suited to the special work to be done.

ENCLOSED PLEASE find fifty cents for which send me *The Keystone* for one year. Our chapter, revived in the last few months, is flourishing, and we hope occasionally to have some interesting items for you.

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Recording Secretary—Mrs. George S. Beall, Jr., Durant.
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(80 Clubs—1,400 Members.)

THE Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at Holly Springs, May 1st-4th, with *Thursday* and *Civic League* as hostess. It is hardly necessary to add that the very name of Holly Springs has a charm, and makes every club member exceedingly anxious to attend this session. The following is an outline of the program, subject to change:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST, 8:30 P. M., OPERA HOUSE.

Address of welcome and response.
Greetings by president of Mississippi Federation.
Address by Dr. Leathers, of State Board of Health.
Informal reception after adjournment.

THURSDAY, MAY 2D.

10:00 A. M.—Report of Credential Committee.
Reports of officers.
Greetings from clubs.
Reports from Committees on Education, Press and Conservation.
1:00-2:00 P. M.—Luncheon.
2:00 P. M.—Reports of Committees on Music, Art and Literature.
4:00-5:00 P. M.—Afternoon tea.
8:30 P. M.—Reception at M. S. College.

FRIDAY, MAY 2D.

10:00 A. M.—Reports of Committees on Legislation, Civics, Health and Household Economics.
Election of officers.
1:00-2:00 P. M.—Luncheon.
2:00 P. M.—Reports of Annie Peyton Memorial Committee.
Club reports.
Unfinished business.
4:00-5:00 P. M.—Afternoon tea and drive.
8:30 P. M.—Paper on Household Economics.
Music.
Reading prize essays and stories.
Music.
Presentation of loving cup.
Rendition of prize compositions.

Besides the regular business and social features of the Federation, the several departments will have their exhibits and give lectures and demonstrations for the benefit of the members. These exhibits will be open from the morning of May 2d until the close. This is a departure from our usual Federation programs, and has been brought about by a great deal of correspondence and work on the part of our president.

THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT will have books, papers and all necessary literature from the National Society, with a lecturer to explain anything that may not be understood.

THE HEALTH COMMITTEE will have exhibits from United States Government, also from the State, on tuberculosis, hookworm and all vital subjects, and Dr. W. S. Leathers will lecture for us on the general situation in Mississippi—the prevailing evils, and how to avoid them. We are exceedingly fortunate in getting such an able instructor.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE will see that its department will not be lacking in information and statistics pertaining to their subject, and they will have a lecturer from the National Kindergarten Association.

THE RECIPROCITY COMMITTEE will have the year books not only from the State, but also from the General Federation, so that we can see what other clubs are doing. This is one of the most useful of our departments, as we are constantly reaching out for new and advanced, as well as the best, methods of study. The side exhibitions will thus give more time in business sessions to purely business of the Federation, and expedite matters considerably.

THE ART COMMITTEE will have its traveling library and also the famous Elson Art Exhibit of Boston, with a good lecturer to explain these masterpieces.

Our aim is to have the material so arranged that we cannot fail to get all the information we desire on any or all subjects, condensed and illustrated, and thus make the very best of our short session.

THE TREASURER wishes me to urge that the dues be sent in promptly. They ought to be sent immediately after the Federation meets, and are now long past due.

WE HAVE NOW eighty federated clubs. Let us make it one hundred soon. MRS. JOHN PATTON, Manager.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. F. E. Buck, South Jacksonville.

President—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami.
Recording Secretary—Miss Charlotte Keelor, Sanford.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. E. Rickmers, Miami.
(39 Clubs—1,641 Members.)

A MEETING of the Executive Board of the Florida Federation was held in Palatka, *March 13th*. An account of this meeting will appear in *May Keystone*.

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY of the Green Cove Springs V. I. A. sends the following account of their work: The association has been busy during the past few months accomplishing its work in various ways, but always with the one object in view, that of success, which has been a visible factor in its many undertakings. The social side, too, has not been neglected, and early in January, under the direction of our President, Mrs. E. G. G. Munsell, the first of a series of silver teas was held in our cozy club home. This was a very delightful occasion, socially, and one of its most charming features was a musical programme well rendered under the guiding hand of our treasurer, Mrs. Ella M. Brown, and also choice selections from the poets were read by Mrs. R. I. Dowling. The annual meeting on February 16th was held in the club house and most gratifying reports of the year's work were read and a social hour followed, together with music and recitations. These informal receptions are continued at intervals during the year, and always well attended by members and visitors, too, and a pleasant afternoon is always assured all who may favor us with their presence.

THE ORMOND V. I. A. held their annual meeting March 1, 1912, electing Mrs. Macon Thornton president. Our Junior Civic League is beginning to take some interest in their work and getting ready to raise flowers and vegetables. Our V. I. A. will give prizes for the best exhibit. MRS. UDORA W. WATSON, Cor. Sec.

THE LADIES' BOOK CLUB of South Jacksonville was entertained with a luncheon at the home of their president, Mrs. F. E. Buck, in St. Nicholas, March 7, 1912. After the luncheon the afternoon was spent in discussing business of the club, followed by an interesting programme on Holland.

MRS. F. E. BUCK, Manager.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John L. Wooten, Greenville, N. C.
(79 Clubs—2,600 Members.)

THE Fourth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Federation will be held where it was organized, in Winston-Salem, May 7th-10th. The program is as follows:

Tuesday Morning—Council meeting and luncheon at Bramlette.
Tuesday Afternoon—Meeting of Board of Directors in Masonic Temple.
Tuesday Evening—Anniversary Exercises in Salem College Memorial Hall, followed by reception in College Library.
Wednesday Morning—Business session in Masonic Temple.
Afternoon—Automobile ride to Kernersville and session there.
Evening—Fine Arts Evening at Memorial Hall.
Thursday Morning—Afternoon and evening business sessions, followed by reception at the home of Mrs. R. J. Reynolds.
Friday Morning—Business session.
Afternoon—Meeting of Board of Directors.

THE LATEST accession to the State Federation is the Wake County School Betterment Association. There are thirty-three local branches and a membership of 800, who work for better schools about the capital of the State. We welcome most heartily this splendid addition to our strength.

THE HALCYON CLUB, of Durham, a literary study club, is the first to federate from that city of many useful organizations.

THE CLINTON CIVIC LEAGUE and the *Lanier Club*, of Morehead City, have been recently federated.

THE CHARLOTTE WOMAN'S CLUB, foremost in every progressive club movement in the State, has enjoyed a winter of continued activity, and today is a recognized power in the advancement of cultured life and civic conditions of its home town. The *Literary* Department has made a brilliant record in the past and will again compete for the State literary prize, which has come to this club consecutively. The study and interpretation of Schiller and Goethe have been of the highest appreciation. The *Civic* Department earned its reputation as a doer of good things for Charlotte by having had the first "Clean-up Day" in the State, and many like organizations have come into existence as a result of its influence. April 10th was observed as Clean-up Day. The *Junior Civic League* rendered valuable aid in this celebration. On March 29th Public Health Day was observed in the schools. The speakers were from the best informed and ablest of local specialists, who directed their talk toward impressing the young minds with hygienic facts and precautions. The presentation of health essay prizes was also a feature. The *Health Department* had as its honored guest on April 18th Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll, one of the most brilliant and

gifted women of the State, to make a public address on Social Hygiene. The principal work of this department has been to make a health chart of the city. A committee has been studying and investigating health and sanitary conditions in all the various city wards since early fall. The findings of this committee will comprise many interesting facts about the city—the elevation, drainage, sewer, water connection, weeks open, used or unused, etc. All the facts will be tabulated, so that a casual glance will give a good idea of the sanitary status of any section or ward of the city.

MRS. E. P. TINGLEY (Charlotte), chairman of Music, wishes to urge the clubwomen to enter the musical contest for the best composition of music. Papers should be sent to the chairman at once. The honors will be awarded on Fine Arts evening at convention.

THE YOUNG MATRONS' CLUB, of Chadbourne, is composed of three departments—Literary, Civic and Educational. Its literary work is studying England as outlined by the Bay View Reading Course. A part of the civic work undertaken is to transplant shade trees on two miles of streets. A committee from the club conferred with the town commissioners and secured promise from them to furnish as large an amount toward this fund as the club would raise. The treasurer has \$30.00 on hand, and plans were perfected which doubled this amount in March. The principal work along educational lines is restoring the public school library, which was destroyed by fire last year. As a nucleus the books from the club's Tabbard Inn library were donated. These will be supplemented by giving a "Book Shower" in the near future.

A CIVIC LEAGUE of fifty charter members was recently organized at Clinton by Mrs. Cotten, who gave them an enthusiastic address. Men and women joined, including the mayor, who will work for a cleaner Clinton.

THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT CLUB, of Asheboro, which is an outgrowth of the Civic League and School Betterment Association, and which consolidated under the above name, has now four working departments—Civics, School Betterment, Household Economics and Health. In the Civic Department there are the streets, public grounds and park, flower, charity and cemetery committees. This department, with the School Betterment, had a landscape architect come last year and make plans (with blue prints) for park, cemetery and school grounds. These plans are in the hands of the various chairmen to have carried out. The club has just succeeded in securing a fine lot of shrubbery and flower seed from the United States Department of Agriculture (through Senators and Congressmen), which will be distributed on school and public grounds, park and cemetery. The Health Department is now working to exterminate the fly this summer; also has committees on visiting the sick, and visiting colored women to talk to them on preventing spread of consumption. The Betterment Department has charge of school buildings and grounds. In order to carry out the landscape plans a committee went before the town officials and secured promise from them that they would put cement walks in front of school buildings. This committee is now planning to have

"Library Day"—issue invitations to the ladies to come and bring a book. This club is composed of about thirty members,—public spirited women,—who are doing excellent work for the general uplift of their community.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications to Mrs. F. E. Brown, Manager, 923 S. Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Va.

President—Mrs. W. W. King, Staunton.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. P. H. Heydenreich, Staunton.
Treasurer—Miss Blanche Slicer, Montvale.
(16 Clubs—1,800 Members.)

THE Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Staunton May 1-4. The two local clubs, the *Ladies' Auxiliary* and the *Civic Club* held a joint meeting Monday, March 4th, to make the preliminary arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates and the preparation of the programme. Miss Mary Johnston will be invited to speak on Suffrage, and Mrs. B. B. Mumford on the Adjunct College at the University of Virginia.

THE CIVIC CLUB of Staunton has established a Civic Column in *The Leader*, the afternoon paper, and each Saturday a signed letter appears, giving the writer's formal views as to the "best thing" to be done for the improvement of the city.

THE BUSINESS WOMAN'S Club of Lynchburg espoused the cause of a bill requiring department stores, factories and all business enterprises employing *even one* woman to put in proper and sanitary toilet arrangements—the law formerly read *two* women. The bill was passed by an overwhelming majority.

MONTVALE AND CLIFTON FORGE are both uniting in regard to Traveling Library No. 98. This set of books deals entirely with art, and while some of the books are technical, they are all written in a popular and interesting style. There are six books describing European galleries, four containing Coffin's lectures, two of John Van Dyke's, and others equally valuable to the prospective traveler to the great art centers of the world.

TO THE GREAT regret of the *Clifton Forge* Club, Mrs. Baker, the active and efficient president, has gone to Lynchburg to live, and the club is fearing the removal of three other good working members by reason of the removal of their residence.

THE EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS in regard to a History of Virginia, which shall be a compilation of the histories of the counties, has been adopted by several of the clubs.

THE GAME LAWS which have passed the Legislature have an amendment giving the local authorities privilege of "doing as they please," and, therefore, it may or may not be of service.

Mrs. W. W. KING,
President Virginia Federation.

THE VIRGINIA FEDERATION of Women's Clubs will meet in Staunton on the first, second and third of May, by invitation of the *Ladies' Auxiliary* to the Young Men's Christian Association and the *Civic Club*. The Y. M. C. A. building will be headquarters for the meetings, the business sessions being held in the auditorium; social functions in the parlors

and library, and luncheons on the third floor in spacious rooms convenient to the cuisine. The day sessions will be devoted to reports and discussions of all the live topics, which make up the club life of today, ending in some well planned recreation to relieve the strain of too constant dwelling upon serious matters. A reception has been planned first evening, which will serve the double purpose of giving an opportunity for the home clubwomen and their guests to become personally acquainted and of the May Queen celebration in honor of our federation president, who is also president of both the Staunton clubs. The evenings of the 2d and 3d will be devoted to public addresses by distinguished women on subjects of vital interest and men and women alike. Miss Mary Johnston will speak on *The Franchise for Women*, and Mrs. Eugene Reilly, of Charlotte, N. C., on *The Evolution of the Home*.

JAMES SELMAN ALEXANDER,
Chairman Program Committee.

THE RESPONSES from Virginia clubs regarding their year's work have brought us a few, but those few are decidedly interesting year books and programmes. *The Cameron Club* of Alexandria is making an exhaustive study of Egypt; the *Wednesday Afternoon Club* has issued a delightful year book, their energies covering history, literature, music and current events. *The Woman's Club, Clifton Forge*, announces its study for the year, "A History of Human Progress in One Hundred Years." *The Woman's Civic Betterment Club* of Roanoke sends us a year's book with a long list of membership and announces three public meetings in March, May and October, in the interest of Civics, Schools and Domestic Science. Quoting from their published weekly column in *The Roanoke Times*, this club has just donated three hundred dollars to equip a domestic science department in the new grammar school building.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Program Committee, Mrs. W. D. Baker, Clifton Forge, has a number of interesting outlines and pamphlets which she will send upon request of clubs and receipt of ten cents for postage.

WE ARE SURE there are many interesting details and many happenings among the federated clubs which would interest and help all, if circulated; a letter or card to the correspondent would insure its reaching all the readers of *The Keystone*.
MRS. FRANK C. BROWN, Manager.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 3125 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank N. Shiek, Wheatland, Wyo.

[These notes are official for April as sent out to the official organs by the General Federation Bulletin.]

THE work at my desk is constant and very heavy in perplexing demands. The uncertainties of the program for the Biennial are always greater at this moment than at any other time, and require much rearrangement.

TRANSPORTATION.—Three official routes across the continent have been planned; the details of itinery with stops at all places of interest will be given fully by chairman of transportation, Miss Louise Graham, Caxton Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

CHILDREN'S FEDERAL BUREAU.—The bill for the bureau has passed the Senate by a large vote with slight amendment. This bill is reported favorably by vote of the Committee on Labor, of the House, and will come up in due order. In the *Congressional Record* nothing was mentioned by "petition" and, with the fear that our members were too sure of its passage, it seemed wise to send to the Representatives the following letter:

"I am writing to ask for your support for the Children's Bureau Bill, Senate Bill No. 252, which recently passed the Senate, and which, I understand, has been favorably reported by the House Committee on Labor, in nearly the same form.

"The Federation of Women's Clubs is interested in the various activities affecting the welfare of children, and feels keenly the want of authoritative information on many of these subjects. It is impossible for private philanthropic agencies to collect this information, and it is equally impossible for the States, with no common standards of investigation, to secure the results desired. The social and charitable organizations, in view of the immense sums they are spending for the amelioration of the conditions affecting children, feel that they have a right to ask the Government to invest the modest sum desired to secure and publish the facts, especially regarding the unfortunate children of the country, which shall be a guide to these organizations.

"No invasion of States' rights is contemplated, but simply the normal and constitutional function of the Federal Government along the lines of investigation and publicity.

"Hoping to receive a favorable reply,

Sincerely yours,

"President General Federation of Women's Clubs."

To this I have received over a hundred answers from the most representative members, over sixty absolutely favoring the bill and pledging their vote—about forty waiting for further investigation, and a few only doubtful as to the department where such bureau should be located. I should like to give the States, but think it not wise, since no influence could be brought to bear at this late moment. I hope, however, every member feels *sure* of her voting Representatives, and if the vote is taken by roll call, as it was in the Senate, we shall certainly know their attitude later.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—Early in the month there came a charming group of pictures from the Society of American Women in London. There was also a remarkable résumé of the power exerted by the club along educational, philanthropic and social lines.

ENGLISH SCHOLAR.—A short history of the scholarship foundation, originating there, reminds me of the recent letter from Miss Juliet Stuart Points, which I am sure will interest those States that were instrumental in giving her this advantage. You will recall Miss Points went to London for the special sociological work which could best be given in the large city:

"100 Southmore Road, Oxford, January 23, 1912.

"My Dear Mrs. Moore:

"I should like to express to the General Federation through you my deep sense of gratitude for the great opportunity I have enjoyed through the public spirited kindness of the Federation. I received last month the last payment on my scholarship, and I should like to express my appreciation of the generosity with which I have been treated by the Federation. My work is progressing most satisfactorily. During the autumn term (the first of the three terms into which the academic year in England is divided) my health was very bad, indeed. In fact, I have sometimes, from this point of view, regretted the restriction of the scholarship to England, for the climate here is very trying to certain constitutions. I hear that the Rhodes scholars have some of them had this experience. At the beginning of the winter term in January I was advised to get away from the city if possible, and I felt myself that this would be necessary for the sake of efficiency, if nothing else. It was necessary to make a quick decision, and I therefore transferred my work to Oxford and registered here. The change has been advan-

tageous in every way. Everybody here at Oxford has taken a great interest in the scholarship, and I have been met on all sides with helpful advice. I have as my tutor and chief adviser R. R. Marett, the Professor in Anthropology and Philosophy. This is a privilege I was very glad to get, as one must usually take an instructor of a lower grade as a tutor. He superintends my sociological study and my thesis work. My thesis, when completed, I shall offer for the doctor's degree at Columbia University, where I have already completed all the work for the degree except the thesis and the oral examination.

"With many thanks to you and to the Federation for the encouragement and generosity which you have shown toward me,

"Very sincerely yours,

"JULIET STUART POINTS."

Several clubs and honorary members are most cordial in sending their national flags, which will be interesting to many of us. These, in connection with our own beautiful flag, presented by the Woman's Club of Cincinnati, will join us closely in bonds of fellowship; and we hope to welcome many from foreign lands to our great Eleventh Biennial at San Francisco.

Faternally yours,

EVA PERRY MOORE.

ITINERY.—Upon invitation of the Chicago Woman's Club I shall have the pleasure of being present at the Federation Day, April 3d. The Cook County League of Clubs will give a luncheon March 30th; the Good Roads Convention has its sessions at just this time, and the Sixth District will meet April 4th.

The Executive Committee of the Conservation Congress will have its next meeting in St. Louis in April. To this will be invited the advisory board, composed of one member from every national organization, having a Conservation Committee. Mrs. Emmons Crocker represents the General Federation, by vote of the Board of Directors.

EDUCATION.—Mrs. Barry, chairman of education, has been carrying on an investigation for over a year to ascertain just where, how, and to what extent personal and sex hygiene is being taught in the normal schools of the country. Her report to date is as follows:

Reports from the questionnaire have come in from 46 States.

One hundred and sixty-two schools reported.

In 138 the subject of personal and sex hygiene is taught.

In 55 required.

In 15 elective.

In 87 the classes are separate; in 24 mixed.

Physical examination required in 27 States.

Programmes on the subject occasionally used in teachers' institutes in 27 States. Often used in five States. Programmes on personal, not sex, hygiene in two States.

Personal and sex hygiene taught in elementary and secondary schools in five States. Personal hygiene in four States, and one of the latter, Washington, has recently made the subject of personal and sex hygiene a requirement for obtaining teachers' certificates.

Any further information or suggestion as to how you think the School Health Committee might most effectively help in having this subject made a part of all schools in which teachers are prepared, will be much appreciated by the committee.

Please address reply to Mrs. Maggie W. Barry, North Texas College, Sherman, Texas.

THE FOLLOWING letter from Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, should be read carefully by all who are interested in this subject:

Dear Mrs. Barnum:

I thank you for your cordial letter of August 8th, just received.

I am not surprised to learn that the meetings on the subject of sex hygiene in the Department of School Patrons of the National Educa-

tion Association were largely attended, and that much interest was manifested in the proceedings. Wherever I have been to speak on that subject, the interest of the audience has been very keen; and when questions and answers have been permitted, the personal testimonies on the subject have sometimes been hot and stirring. Indeed, I sometimes feel that there is danger of too much excitement over the topic. There are so many women in all the large American communities who have suffered desperately, but innocently, from the consequences of sexual vice, and there are so many men whose expectations of a happy family life have been ruined in the same way! Even among the physicians and surgeons who have been professionally concerned with venereal diseases, there is a strong tendency to use figures and statistical statements which cannot be proved to be true, and are really only guesses or rough estimates. I therefore dread exaggeration and fanaticism in meetings on this subject. Persons responsible for the programmes of such meetings ought to be very careful not to give opportunity for vague and excited declamation on the matter. All papers and discussions ought to be very sober and moderate. There is no reason for haste in this agitation, except the hideous character of the evils against which it is directed. We shall sooner arrive at remedies for these evils if we are careful not to overstate the case.

Another danger threatens the movement. The public interest in it is so great that many publishers have sought to get early in the market with books about it adapted to popular consumption. There is already a flood of books about hygiene, many of which are of very poor quality. If the Department of School Patrons could secure expert advisers on the books on sex hygiene or related topics which have been put upon the market within five years, and then publish a list of works recommended, it would advance the good cause very much.

In my judgment, the first practical measure to be advocated wherever there is an opportunity is the introduction of a thorough course of sex hygiene in all normal schools. At present it is impossible to find an adequate number of competent teachers on this subject for the elementary and secondary schools.

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES W. ELIOT.

THE CHAIRMAN of the school hygiene section of the public health department, Mrs. W. N. Hutt, makes an earnest plea for *medical inspection of schools* and has prepared a splendid article which explains the needs of enforcing this system in every community. The article is on file in *The Keystone* Reciprocity Bureau and may be obtained upon application.

THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT, with Mrs. Frances Squire Potter chairman, has decided upon the following topics for discussion at the Literature Conference at the San Francisco Biennial:

- (a) Relation of State Literature Committee to the General Committee.
- (b) Relation of State Library Commissions to Study Clubs.
- (c) The Function of a National Drama League and Its Relation to Women's Clubs.
- (d) American Folk Lore; Its Cultural and Sociological Value.
- (e) The Advent of Industrialism in Literature.

CIVICS.—All new chairmen are earnestly requested to send name and address to the chairman of this department, address given below. This is very important. Please respond promptly. Also the attention of all chairmen is called to the comprehensive and inspiring paper, "The Civic Ideal," in the January *Bulletin*, written by Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, State Chairman of Civics of Virginia. Refer inquiries for civic literature to this admirable article.

The time of year has arrived when clubs should be urged to make plans for clean-up days, which should be as universal, as permanent and well established an institution as Arbor Day. Clean-ups are the absolutely essential first steps for civic improvement. As the community is but our larger home, clubwomen should insist that the beauty and order of the home shall be the type of the community life.

Cleanliness and order must come first, as beauty cannot successfully be grafted upon dirt and disorder.

Request clubs to observe Arbor Day by actual planting. Every club can secure the planting of a certain number of trees each year and care for them until growth is assured. This comes within the scope of every club, and counts as a civic activity, if only one tree is planted. Look around your town; select some unsightly spot; make Arbor Day the occasion to transform it into a place of beauty. In the case of school children, if the school grounds are well planted, have the children plant trees or shrubs in their yards, or where practical, begin a systematic planting of trees along the streets or on roadsides leading into the country.

Now is also the time to work for the establishment of playgrounds and school gardens.

Do you realize that school gardens occupy the time of children; teach them a great industry; aid in their school work; make for happier living? There is room for school gardens on school grounds, on vacant lots, in city parks. Unused land owned by cities would supply gardens for thousands of eager children. Cities should give these children opportunity to work in gardens. The value of the training is estimable.

The plummy pocket flower and vegetable seeds is a simple but profitable civic activity, leading children to healthful outdoor exercise and a love of the beautiful.

MRS. GEORGE ZIMMERMAN,
Fremont, O. G. F. C. Chairman Civics.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

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(Up-to-date Notes.)

TO the United Daughters of the Confederacy:

My Dear Friends: Many new chapters are being reported, one at Portsmouth, Va., with the wonderful charter membership of over two hundred. I want to call attention of the State Presidents and State Organizers to the almost unworked field of the organization of the young ladies of our communities. Do not let this store of vitality, enthusiasm and ability be lost to our association; garner it. The proper infusion of this new blood—kept interested and well directed—will be worth much to us. Let me urge chapter presidents to issue certificates of membership to their new members as soon as they are admitted to full membership.

SINCE the work with the U. D. C. seals is now in the hands of an U. D. C. committee that must report to the next General Convention the quantity of seals ordered, the number sold and the amount of money realized from their sale, it is necessary for all money from the sale of seals to be sent to this committee. The Arlington directors are, therefore, hereby directed from now on to send all money

from the sale of U. D. C. seals to the chairman of the U. D. C. Seals Committee, Mrs. W. L. Durr, 203 S. Perry street, Montgomery, Ala., who, after holding out enough money to make payments to manufacturers, will send balance to Mr. Streater for the Arlington monument fund.

This is the only way in which to place this work on a self-supporting, businesslike basis, and to know what is really being realized from these seals. The former method of not sending money to the Seals Committee finds the committee without seals and without money, and forces them, in order to make contracts with the manufacturers, to ask the Arlington directors and chapters to send in their orders for seals at once so as to place the needed amount of money in the treasury of the committee. I trust all will do this promptly, and that every chapter, no matter how small, will sell at least five dollars' worth of seals this year. This can be done with a little effort. Let me urge you to sell out each year's supply and order anew every year and thus thoroughly establish this work and this beautiful seal.

ON ACCOUNT of conflict of dates of Division Conventions with the date of the U. C. V. Reunion at Macon, many daughters will be prevented from going to Macon as they had planned. I trust all who can will meet me there to pay homage to the men who bought with a great price a chaplet of fame for the South; and to show our appreciation of the efforts of Gen. C. Irvine Walker, lieutenant general commanding, to draw into closer union in good works the organizations of the U. C. V. and the U. D. C.

MRS. ALEXANDER B. WHITE,
President General U. D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., CONVENTION.—On the 13th day of November, 1912, will convene in Washington, D. C., the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Early in January, Mrs. Marion Bulter, president of the District Division, called a meeting of the Advisory Council. She announced her committees, and made an earnest appeal for immediate, united and continuous effort in order that the mechanism of a great convention might be perfected before the summer. Committees from the district camps, the board of trade and chamber of commerce, as well as from the Southern Society and the individual organizations of the Southern States, are co-operating with the daughters.

The District Division is not a strong organization. It is hoped that this gathering may bring to the attention of many the opportunities for patriotic service, so long overlooked by them. Then will our chapters be greatly augmented by those so well able to further the high ideals which the United Daughters of the Confederacy represent.

The feature of great historic interest will be the laying of the corner stone of the Arlington monument.

In beautiful Arlington sleep many of our Confederate dead. A half century has passed since these lay down their lives in the name of constitutional liberty. This scene within the shadow of the Nation's capitol will vibrate with meaning. It will teach a great lesson.

KATHERINE R. ESLIN,
Historian of District Columbia Division.

KENTUCKY DIVISION.—Those interested in the educational activities of the U. D. C. will be interested to learn that the president of the Kentucky Division U. D. C., Mrs. Jno. L. Woodbury, is the assistant chairman of the Education Department of the Kentucky State Fair, and that in March the county superintendent of schools asked her to take charge of a school fair for Jefferson county, the first they have ever had.

THE FIRST MONUMENT to the Women of the Confederacy to be erected in any State was unveiled at Columbia, S. C., April 11, 1912. The group represents the glorification by the State of South Carolina and her children of the Women of the Confederacy. The sculptor was F. W. Ruckstuhl. The group consists of a woman seated in a chair, behind her stands the genius of the State in the act of placing on the head of the seated woman a crown of laurel, while two children rush forward with flowers and a scroll to pay homage to the "Confederate Woman." The inscription for this monument was written by W. E. Gonzales, and in a sublime tribute to Confederate womanhood. The monument stands "To the South Carolina Women of the Confederacy, 1861-1865. Reared by the men of the State, 1909-11." The orator of the day was Hon. Jos. W. Barnwell, of Charleston, S. C.

ALUMNI OF THE UNIVERSITY of Virginia, who enlisted in the Confederate army from the student companies, are to be decorated by the University at the June, 1912, commencement. Professor Mallet, as chairman of a committee which has charge of the plan, is making an effort to find out the name and address of every one of these veterans, as he wishes to communicate the plan to them. The honoring of their "Soldier-Alumni" by great universities is a marked activity of university life today.

LOUISIANA. The New Orleans Camp of Sons of Veterans, "Camp Beauregard," celebrate February 12, 1912, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Alexander H. Stephens, vice president of the Confederacy, with a suitable program at Memorial Hall, in that city.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

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(70 Chapters—3,000 Members.)

SINCE receiving the splendid circular sent by our historian, our chapters have aroused to new interest in historical work, and before many weeks, each chapter in the division will, I believe, include at least one historical paper in its monthly program.

We notice, also, a marked awakening of interest in Shiloh Day, and there will be a general observance of that day in

April, with increased contributions as well as increased information.

I WAS providentially kept from attending the full session of Piedmont District Conference, held at Spartanburg, March 20th, but was there in the afternoon long enough to realize what a fine program Mrs. McWhirter had prepared, and what good results may be expected from it. I am very happy to bear to our historian fifteen (\$15.00) dollars, from the members of this district, for the purchase of books much desired by her for our exchange library.

GREENVILLE claims the honor of forming the first new chapter of 1912, viz., "Fort Sumter," with a charter membership of thirty-eight splendid women, who elected for their officers: Mrs. M. F. Ansel, president; Mrs. Alvin Dean, vice president; Mrs. Avery Patton, recording secretary; Mrs. W. W. Hodges, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. T. Asbury, treasurer; Miss Hattie Pope, registrar; Miss Kittie Perrin, historian. We rejoice very much in anticipating the work to be done for the Division, by this body of intelligent, enthusiastic women.

I ACKNOWLEDGE with much appreciation an invitation from the Charleston daughters to attend the unveiling of their monument, in Marion Square, in memory of Lieutenant General Wade Hampton, March 28th.

I am honored also by an invitation to represent our organization before the Federation of Clubs, at Abbeville, May 6th.

MRS. C. E. GRAHAM, President.

A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD is requested in the sun parlor of Colonia Hotel, Columbia, at 9:30 o'clock, the morning of unveiling exercises, April 11th.

MRS. W. B. OWENS,

Clinton, S. C.

Corresponding Secretary.

THE PIEDMONT CONFERENCE was held in Spartanburg, March 20th, with twenty delegates and many chapter presidents and visitors in attendance, Mrs. J. L. McWhirter, district vice president, presiding. The afternoon was given up to Shiloh (Mrs. McWhirter) and Arlington (Mrs. Keith). Mrs. Trimmier had a splendid paper on education. In the Shiloh report by Mrs. McWhirter the fact was brought out that Lieutenant Colonel Jno. M. Dean, of Spartanburg, S. C., commanding the 7th Arkansas, killed at the battle of Shiloh, was one South Carolinian in that battle. The State President, Mrs. Graham, owing to bereavement in her family, reached the conference late in the day, but added much to the interest and value of the meeting by her presence. Spartanburg Chapter was an ideal hostess, the business men left their business at 10:30 a. m. to sing "Dixie." The luncheon consisted of four tables for twelve (delegates, chapter members and veterans) and one long table for twenty-five guest visitors. This District has two new chapters, "Fort Sumter," of Greenville, and a children's chapter, "States' Rights Gist," Jonesville, and promises to be one of the best in the State.

THE RIDGE DISTRICT CONFERENCE will take place at Johnstons, S. C., April 9th, and the Mary Ann Buie Chapter is preparing for one hundred guests, all the members of the Edgefield and Ridge Springs Chapters being specially invited.

Mrs. Graham, the State President, is expected to be present. All chapters in this district are expected to send representatives.

THE EDISTO DISTRICT CONFERENCE was held at St. Matthews, March 27th, under the able leadership of the district vice president, Mrs. St. J. A. Lawton. Mrs. C. E. Graham, our State President, was an inspiration to the meeting with practical suggestions and co-operation. The report of the Historical Committee on rolls of honor and exchange library, were most interesting and instructive.

Education, compulsory, and scholarships, was fully discussed; chapters were urged to redeem their pledges, and to support the Carolina and Winthrop Scholarship Fund. The Edisto District selected May 17th for Arlington Day, each chapter in the district to give an entertainment on that day, the proceeds of which are to be given for the benefit of the Arlington monument.

At this meeting a new chapter was formed at Cameron, S. C.

(MRS. JNO.) PAULINE GERVAIS CART,
Acting Secretary Edisto District.

"SHILOH DAY."—Chapters are again reminded to celebrate a "Shiloh Day" in April, and to redeem all pledges and make contributions to this fund during this month. Read instructions and requests along these lines in the March *Keystone*, page 11. Mrs. J. L. McWhirter, Jonesville, and Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry, members of the Shiloh Committee for South Carolina, are selling "Shiloh Post Cards" for the benefit of this fund; price, 2 for five cents. These ladies will be glad to correspond with chapters on this matter.

"Heroes in Gray," a collection of historical sketches suitable for grammar school children's reading, paper bound, 170 pages, written by several prominent Daughters of the Confederacy, is also for sale for the benefit of the Shiloh monument; price, 30 cents each, 10 cents of which goes to Shiloh. Address all orders for this book and all reports of work done for Shiloh to (Miss) Mary B. Poppenheim, S. C. Director for Shiloh, Charleston, S. C.

THE RECORDER OF CROSSES, Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville, S. C., wishes to remind the chapters of the approaching time limit for issuing Crosses of Honor and hopes for large orders for May 10th and June 3d. On and after November 1, 1912, no more crosses will be issued. Send in your orders for crosses *at once* to Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville, S. C.

HISTORICAL PROGRAMME.—MAY: Siege of Vicksburg, May 9th, 1863. Discussion: Effect of Fall of Vicksburg on Situation in the West. Subject for paper, Morgan's Raid.

JUNE: Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1863. Discussion: What the Death of Stonewall Jackson Meant to the Confederate Army. Subject for paper, Stonewall Jackson as Man and Soldier.

JULY: Battle of Gettysburg, July, 1863. Discussion: Importance of this Battle. Subject for paper, Pickett's Charge.

AUGUST: Confederate forces under Generals Longstreet, Ewell, and A. P. Hill. Discussion: Campaign in the Enemy's Country. Subject for paper, South Carolina's Contribution to the Confederate Army.

THE "CALVIN CROZIER CHAPTER" Newberry, recently gave an entertainment in the city opera house. The play, "Two Little Confederates," was presented, and in addition, there were tableaux, choruses and a beautiful and effective pantomime drill,—all appropriate in sentiment to the cause

for which it was given. The effort proved highly successful. There was a large and enthusiastic audience and the net proceeds amounted to \$165. ELIZABETH DOMINICK.

THE CHARLESTON CHAPTER unveiled their monument to Wade Hampton on the anniversary of his birth, March 28th. The monument is a Winnsboro granite monolith thirty feet high on three bases, with the following simple inscriptions:

Wade Hampton, 1818-1902. Colonel Hampton Legion, S. C. V., 1861; Brigadier General Confederate States Army, 1862; Major General, 1863; Lieutenant General, 1865. Commanding Cavalry of The Army of Northern Virginia. Governor of South Carolina, 1876-1878; United States Senator, 1879-1891. "A stone of memorial set up by The Daughters of the Confederacy, Charleston, South Carolina."

The monument is on Marion Square (the Citadel green) and the exercises attendant on the unveiling consisted of an invocation by Bishop Guerry, an oration by Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the South Carolina University, of which Gen. Wade Hampton was an alumnus, and the unveiling of the shaft by the following little girls: Misses Corinne and Eloise Hampton (granddaughters), Miss Salley Hampton Lindsey (great granddaughter), Misses Gertrude and Lucy Hampton (grand nieces). The German Artillery fired a salute of guns, and music was furnished by Metz's Military Band and the Citadel Cadet Band. The Hon. James Simons was the master of ceremonies in the unavoidable absence from illness of Col. Rawlins Lowndes, who was to have presided at the exercises. The programs for the exercises were done on grey paper and ornamented with a Confederate pennant in colors and an excellent portrait of General Hampton, which was kindly loaned the Hampton Monument Committee of Charleston Chapter by the State Publishing Company, of Columbia, S. C. Telegrams of congratulation were received from the Wade Hampton and the M. C. Butler Chapters U. D. C. on the day of the unveiling, and a large audience listened with appreciation to the sympathetic and scholarly address of Dr. S. C. Mitchell, who stressed the social order and home life which produced so noble and dependable a character as South Carolina's great son, Wade Hampton. The following were the guests of honor of the chapter and came to Charleston for the unveiling: Mr. and Mrs. McDuffie Hampton, Misses Corinne and Eloise Hampton, Judge and Mrs. Jno. R. Tucker (Miss Daisy Hampton), guests of Mrs. Lowndes; Misses Lucy and Gertrude Hampton and Miss Sally Lindsey Hampton, guests of Mrs. Langdon Cheves, and Dr. S. C. Mitchell, guest of Mrs. C. P. Poppenheim. After the exercises the chapter held an informal reception for these guests at their chapter room, Market Hall.

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THE time of the district meetings is coming on rapidly, and all the chairmen are busy getting up a meeting that will be of pleasure and real benefit. Our third vice president, Mrs. Guthrie, also a chairman, is most enthusiastic and helpful. Her meeting will be at Lanet Baston. Mrs. W. T. Allen will have her meeting at Amelia; Miss Preston at Marion. This latter one to be rather late, that is, on the 13th and 14th of June, but this is due to a combination of circumstances. We are congratulating our legislature on passing a bill we were much interested in, and in so doing setting in working order a movement long and earnestly desired—that is, a pension for old and decrepit Confederate women, not inmates of any charitable institution. Our Division also has a relief fund for this purpose.

RICHMOND CHAPTER.—At the annual election of this chapter, held recently, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, president; Mrs. Walter Christian, first vice president; Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor, second vice president; Mrs. P. J. White, third vice president; Mrs. C. E. Sydnor, treasurer; Mrs. W. R. Vawter, recording secretary; Mrs. B. A. Blenner, registrar, and Miss Adele Courling, corresponding secretary. In order to confer special honor upon the widow of Thomas S. Bocock, a member of the Confederate Congress, the new office of honorary president was created yesterday, and Mrs. Bocock elected to fill the office for life. Mrs. Bocock is the only Confederate woman to be so honored by the Richmond Chapter.

The sum of \$100 was voted by the chapter to be given to the Stonewall Jackson monument fund, to assist in erecting a statue to the famous Confederate general in Richmond. In addition, \$50 was voted for the purpose of building a fence around the Confederate cemetery at Huguenot Springs. This cemetery was recently given to the Richmond Chapter. An appeal made by Mrs. Thomas S. Bocock for a contribution toward the Arlington monument met with the warmest sympathy from the chapter, and it was determined that some kind of entertainment should be given during the summer for this purpose.

KU KLUX KLAN.—This booklet, published by the Mississippi Division, U. D. C., to be sold and all proceeds to go to the erection of a monument at Beauvoir, Miss. (home of Jefferson Davis), to the memory of Confederate Veterans, contains absolutely correct history of the origin of this famous Klan. Price, per copy, 30 cents, postpaid. Address: Mrs. S. E. F. Rose, President Miss. Div. U. D. C., West Point, Miss.

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FROM Registrar's Office: Seventy-five new members have been added to the Division role since November. Mrs. Davis wishes to again call attention to the fact that the company and regiment must always be added to the names of veterans endorsing U. D. C. record or application paper, as well as the signatures of the president and secretary of the chapter submitting same in the spaces on the back of blank. She is also anxious to have completely revised rolls of every chapter in the State, and urges registrars and presidents to see that such rolls are early in her hands. Changes in name from marriage should be indicated, so that the maiden name will not be left on the books when the new name is entered; also the initials of the husband should be sent, for convenience. For instance, a paper is signed "Mary Roberts Blank;" the ancestral record being of one Roberts (Mrs. R. S.) should be added on the application, and so on the State books and your chapter record. The overlooking of this detail often complicates the mailing of notices and collection of dues.

GLORIES OF GETTYSBURG TO BE PERPETUATED.—Under the leadership of Mrs. Edwin R. Overman, of Salisbury, the following committee will take up the great work: Mesdames Junius Davis, Wilmington; Josephus Daniels, Raleigh; A. M. Vanstory, Greensboro, Elizabeth A. McQueen and George Williamson, Elizabeth City; M. E. Child, Asheville; M. A. Winstead, Rocky Mount; B. L. Tyree, Durham; J. K. Norfleet, Winston-Salem; and Misses Julia Alexander, Charlotte; Lyda Rodman, Washington, and Mary Henderson, Salisbury. Each chapter will be asked at their veterans' reunion or their biggest and

best attended celebration be made "Gettysburg Day." On this occasion Gettysburg be the subject for the oration, and a general collection be asked from all who love their State in schools and on the streets. North Carolina will be the first of our States to place a monument at Gettysburg to teach unborn generations her true history, and what North Carolina has done for the honor of American arms and the glory of this great commonwealth. The magnificent services, during the war for Southern Independence, of her soldiers, the bravest of the brave—"First at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg, and last at Appomattox"—will be perpetuated in enduring bronze. This work has begun, and will be followed up more urgently in the wake of our completed work at Arlington, Shiloh and Chapel Hill.

UNVEILINGS.—The plan to unveil the Wyatt monument in December was abandoned by the committee and June the 10th, the 51st anniversary of his death, selected. The monument, which is an honor to Henry L. Wyatt, the first to fall in battle for Southern rights, jointly bestowed by his native State legislature and the U. D. C., will stand in Capitol Square, Raleigh. Probably the Chapel Hill monument to the boy students of the university will be unveiled at the June commencement.

MONUMENT TO WOMEN.—The committee selected by Col. Ashley Horne, to assist him in deciding upon the design for the monument which he generously proposes to erect in honor of the Confederate mothers of North Carolina, recently met in the capital city. They have decided to have a unique design, showing the work of these noble women in the war. The design is not to be duplicated with-

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FROM WELDON.—The Junius Davis Chapter was named for Gen. Junius Davis, who was killed at Chancellorsville. In Chockayotte, a near-by burying ground, have lain for fifty years the bodies of 150 Confederate soldiers; for thirty years the ladies in this chapter have tried to gain control of this plot and care for the graves. "Davie" Smith, an influential native colored man, lately controls the property, and he has donated the plot in question to the chapter, setting the former white owner a worthy example of patriotism and public spiritedness. The old darkey remembers and reveres many of the men who are buried there and wishes to see the tardy honors paid. In appearing before the chapter, at their request, to make his offer, he displayed a Confederate grey military cape that General Davis had worn. It is likely he will make a present of this to the North Carolina Room of the Confederate Museum in Richmond. That the long deferred work of marking and improving will be well done goes without saying.

THE ABEL A. SHUFORD CHAPTER, of Hickory, have arranged and printed a regular outline of study and list of hostesses for the season, which they are carrying out with great success. Mrs. O. M. Royster is the newly re-elected president. The first meeting under the new order had as its subject "The Long Roll." The April meeting will observe "Shiloh Day." MRS. GORDON FINGER.

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